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: Developing Apparatus in an Image Forming Apparatus

Mail Stop AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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REPLY

Sir:

In response to the Office action of March 30, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

Applicant hereby requests that the period to take action in the abovecaptioned application be extended by one month pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$120.00 extension fee, along with any other requisite fees, to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (CAM #100689.52860US).